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FOLLOWING LETTER APPEARED TODAY'S JERUSALEM POST:

1. BEGIN TEXT:
2. TO THE EDITOR OF THE JERUSALEM POST.
3. SIR, - I WAS SHOCKED TO READ THE MOST UNFAIR ATTACK ON MRS. GERI JOSEPH, THE NEWLY APPOINTED AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE HAGUE, BY YOUR CORRESPONDENT, HENRIETTE BOAS, IN YOUR ISSUE OF AUG. 31.
4. YOUR COLUMNIST CHARGED THAT BEING JEWISH MAY BE DETRIMENTAL TO MRS. JOSEPH'S ABILITY TO SERVE HER COUNTRY AS AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS. WERE ANY OTHER NEWSPAPER TO HAVE MADE SUCH A CHARGE, SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE DENOUNCED IT AS BLATANT ANTI-SEMITISM. WE AMERICAN JEWS ARE PROUD TO HAVE A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY APPOINTED TO SUCH A HIGH POST.

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5. YOUR WRITER GOES ON TO ATTACK THE APPOINTMENT OF MRS. JOSEPH SIMPLY BECAUSE SHE IS A WOMAN. CERTAINLY IN 1978, YOUR WOMAN COLUMNIST SHOULD AVOID MALE CHAUVINISM. SHE ALSO SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT THE REIGNING MONARCH OF THE NETHERLANDS IS A WOMAN.

6. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE KNOWN MRS. JOSEPH FOR MANY

YEARS AS A JOURNALIST, A PUBLIC AND POLITICAL FIGURE,
AND A LEADER IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ARE CONFIDENT THAT SHE
WILL CARRY OUT HER RESPONSIBILITIES WITH SUCH DISTINCTION
TO MAKE US PROUD AS AMERICANS AND AS JEWS.

7. (SIGNED); BENJAMIN R. EPSTEIN, NATIONAL DIRECTOR,
ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH. JERUSALEM.

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